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## **Kuipers' charter township budgeting bill signed into law**

**Lansing** – Budget planning and decision making for charter township leaders are easier now that the state government has removed a needless budgeting requirement, Sen. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland) announced today.

The governor today signed Senate Bill 725, which Kuipers sponsored. The bill removes the requirement in state law that charter township boards adopt a budget and make appropriations 60 days before the start of their fiscal year. With no opposition in either chamber, SB 725 has become Public Act 191.

“Charter township leaders now have the same requirements as other local government officials,” said Kuipers, who has eight charter townships in his district. “Before today, that burdensome requirement sometimes rushed local leaders to make budgeting decisions before they could get all the facts they needed.”

Cities, villages and general-law townships already faced no such deadline. Now charter township boards have to hold a public hearing on their budgets by Dec. 15, if they use the calendar year as their fiscal year, and adopt a budget by Dec. 31.

The legislation was supported by the Michigan Townships Association.

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